

## **KOSOVO – Advice from Fulbright Alumni**

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**Please provide any information on the aspects of local culture that could help future Fulbright grantees working in your host country or institution(s).**

Kosovo Albanians are very friendly toward Americans. You will not have problems meeting people who are willing and eager to help you. Making connections with Kosovo Serbs is much more challenging and if your research involves work with Serbs, it will take considerable time to build trust if you do not have local networks already established. Be very careful if you travel in Serb communities, especially in the north, and especially if you plan to raise politically sensitive issues. If you are teaching at the University of Pristina, you will probably not be given full autonomy over your courses but will likely team teach with a local colleague. Generally, the academic expectations are not nearly as rigorous in Kosovo as you would find in the US, but students are generally very eager to learn, respectful, and excited to interact with foreign professors.

**Please provide any recommendations related to logistics (e.g., travel, money, housing) that could help future Fulbright grantees working in your host country or institution(s).**

You should be able to find very nice housing in central Pristina for 350-500 euros - don't pay more unless you really want a large apartment. Take a couple of days to look at apartments and don't be afraid to bargain. Good luck :)

**Please provide any information on web sites or other resources you found helpful that could help future Fulbright grantees working in your host country or institution(s).**

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